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To: Planning Policy
Subject: Proposed Development of Merjen Engineering, Portchester

Good afternoon,

We have recently received a Portchester Newsletter for February 2015. The main item being highlighted is the proposed development of Merjen Engineering and to make any comments to the Planning Policy Team by 5pm on 30.03.2015. We live on Station Road and are extremely against the proposal for an older persons' accommodation being developed.

The development of the older persons' accommodation will see a significant lose in open land. Previous applications for similar proposal have requested for only a two-storey building. The current proposal is looking to develop a three-storey building. This would have huge impact on the amenity of the area and those who live near the development would lose privacy in their own homes and gardens.

The location of the proposed development is at a major road junction. There is already a high volume of traffic that goes in both directions on the A27 and Station Road. With a bus stop and traffic lights at the railway bridge this leads to traffic build up. The footpath is mainly used by dog walkers and is a main route for school children. The proposal states there will be roughly 15 units to be built. With residents, refuse and deliveries vehicles this will increase to the amount of traffic and noise we already experience. With the proposed entrance being the current location of Merjen Engineering it could become more dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. Being located so close to the roundabout vehicles which have to stop at the entrance or pull over will result in congestion building up on the roundabout.

For a proposal of roughly 15 units being built, there has been no mention of how to tackle the issue of parking or provision of service vehicles. Inadequate parking could lead to larger vehicles having to halt on Station Road. This already happens for those visiting Merjen Engineering. It creates difficulties for other road users to maneuver round the stationary vehicle. Without knowing the amount of off-street parking spaces being proposed, it is difficult to comment on the impact it could have on the on-street parking. However, there is already limited on-street parking in the area. If there is not adequate off-street parking this could lead to an increase on the on-street parking and potentially causing some road safety issues.

Is there the need for even more older persons' accommodation when there is plenty available at places such as Priory Gardens?

Kind Regards

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